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RE: Docket #98N-1038, irradiation

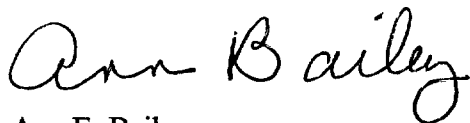
Dear Sir or Madam;

I am very concerned about the FDA's indecision as to whether to label irradiation on food at a future date. I need to know whether a product has been irradiated or not so I will know whether to serve it to my family and myself. It needs to be very clearly marked and I understand that the Radura symbol, which would be instantly recognizable on labeling of irradiated foods, may also be omitted from packaging. If there is no problem then why should there be secrecy in identifying irradiation. There has been overwhelming public opposition to irradiation and though you have decided to allow irradiated food you will hopefully label it clearly as such. Please help us, and coincidentally, yourself and your loved ones.

I urge you, to do whatever it takes to make it clear, now and forever, what is irradiated food. Business, by and large, is not concerned with our welfare, they are concerned with profits. I imagine you are pressured to do the "right" thing, that being what will "help the country" well, people are the country and business is not the country. There is more to life than profits. Please help us here, we need your help.

Thank you for your time and hopefully for your work to make sure irradiation is always identified where used.

Sincerely,



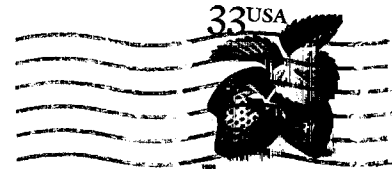
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